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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/717,756	Applicant(s) SCHNEIDER ET AL.	
	Examiner Margaret Einsmann	Art Unit 1751	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-10, 12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-10 and 12 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/25/05 has been entered and applicant's remarks carefully considered.

Claims 5 and 11 have been canceled; claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12 are pending.

Applicant's cancellation of claims 5 has mooted the provisional double patenting rejection as applied in the final rejection.

Applicant's cancellation of claim 11 has mooted the 112 second paragraph rejection of claim 11.

Applicant's insertion of the contents of original claim 10 into the specification on page 9 has mooted the objection to the specification as applied in the final rejection.

When applicant responds to this action, he is requested to present a copy of the claims in which the text of the canceled claims is omitted. Claim 5 should read "5. (canceled) " and claim 11 should read "11. (canceled)"

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is maintained as set forth in the final rejection regarding the terms "an effective period of time" and "an effective amount" as set forth in the claims. Regarding applicant's arguments as set forth in the response of 11/25/05, see page 2 of the advisory action where the response to those arguments is stated. Said response is maintained in this action. The examiner suggests incorporating claim 2 into claim 1 to remove the indefiniteness concerning "effective period of time" in claim 1 and removing "an effective amount" from claims 3, 4 and 6 to overcome this rejection.

Regarding claim 12, There is no antecedent basis for the word "the" in the last line of claim 12. Additionally, applicant is requested to point out the basis in the originally filed specification for "trisodium phosphate" as set forth in claim 12.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ahmed, US 5,229,027. This rejection is maintained as set forth in the previous office action. Applicant's arguments filed 11/25/05 have been considered and

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are not persuasive for the following reasons. Applicant argues that the Ahmed reference does not disclose the removal of stains on a porous textile surface. In this regard applicant is directed to col 15 lines 55-58 which states, "The chlorine bleach compositions can be used as a bleach, per se, for example to bleach laundry, and can be added to a wash containing laundry detergents and can be added to dishwasher detergent compositions." The examiner asserts that this statement of using the compositions of Ahmed as a laundry bleach teaches removing stains from a porous textile. The examiner takes official notice that:

- 1)the reason one adds bleach to a laundry load is to remove stains and
- 2) a laundry load comprises porous textiles.

Applicant's arguments that Ahmed relates to dishwashing detergent compositions is irrelevant since he specifically teaches the use of the composition as a laundry bleach.

Applicant argues that Ahmed only teaches that Chloramine-T is useful as a hypochlorite liberating agent. The teaching of Chloramine-T as a hypochlorite reducing agent is a teaching of its equivalence to hypochlorite as a bleaching agent.

This is a continued examination of applicant's earlier Application No. 10/717,756. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action in this case. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no, however, event will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret Einsmann whose telephone number is 571-272-1314. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM -4:30 PM M-W and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Tuesday, January 31, 2006



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